

**Kossuth County Conservation Board**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Water's Edge Nature Center**  
**January 8, 2024 5:30 P.M.**

Present: Eichenberger; Miller; Rasmussen; Ristau; Young  
Fosado; Stumme; Wille

Absent:

Guests Present:

Chairman Eichenberger called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the December meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Naturalist report was presented by Wille for November and December programs. For November-2 public programs were given for 107 people; 27 school programs for 499 students were presented; and 1 other student program. The JCL event was pheasant hunting with 9 students attending. Facebook posts included 12 posts with 9602 reached and 802 engaged. For December-3 public programs were given for 32 people; 17 student programs for 382 students; JCL event was winter survival with 7 attending. Facebook posts included 15 posts with 14,434 reached and 1402 engaged. Other accomplishments for both months included attending staff meetings, curriculum development, live animal maintenance, setting up and helping with the Foundation soup supper, attended the Wellness and Soil and Water meetings, decorated the courthouse Christmas tree, planned and held a bird feeder event, met with McCullough Creative staff on revamping the wetland display.

The board was informed the 2024-2025 budget proposal had been presented to the Board of Supervisors at a budget workshop meeting.

The board was informed the Water Quality Initiative grant for the bioretention cell at Smith lake had been approved on the phase one application. The full application is due in February.

The board was informed the KCCB staff had met with Bob Neumann with McCullough Creative from Dubuque, Iowa regarding revamping the existing wetland display in the nature center. Bob and his staff will be presenting plans/options on the redesign of this display in the upcoming months. Stumme recommended a meeting be held with the McCullough staff, the KCCB board and staff and the Water's Edge Foundation board members to review the project. The board approved of holding this meeting with the time and date to be determined.

Discussion was held on the benefits for Kossuth County camp hosts regarding usage of the park shelters and nature center meeting room. The board approved of allowing free use of the shelters but charging full price for the use of the nature center meeting room.

A motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Ristau to approve the annual Rotation of Officers for 2024. The 2024 Officers are: Chair Teri Miller, Vice-Chair Steve Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair Megan Rasmussen and board members Tom Ristau and Larry Eichenberger. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved of holding the February board meeting on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Water's Edge Nature Center.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Young to approve the 26 bills submitted for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ristau and seconded by Youngs to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.